

RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1909

LOST GIRL FOUND

Florence Silverman Located
in Mrs. Mary Miller's Home
After Long Search.

ILL MOTHER WILL FIND HER ABDUCTOR

**Juvenile Protective Association
Will Assist in Locating Source
of Alleged Crime—Victim
Says She Spent Sev-
eral Nights Out of
Doors.**

OVERCOME with exertion grief, and almost two weeks talk from the effects of tuberculosis in its last stages, Mrs. Rebecca Silverman, of 1731 East 34th Street, whose daughter, Florence, twelve years old, was treated last

twelve years old, was located last night at 7 o'clock after the police and authorities of the Juvenile Protection Association of Virginia, had been engaged for more than a week in search for her whereabouts, states she will swear out a warrant for alleged abductor, and it is probable that other arrests, which will be

Mrs. Mary Eliott Miller, in whose home the girl was found, was taken to be seen when a Times-Dispatch reporter called at her lonely home on Mayo's Island last night. Ten days ago the Rev. James Buchanan, secretary of the Associated Charities, was asked to use every means possible in locating the young girl, and immediately the police and detective de-

The Juvenile Association even so far as to offer a reward of \$100 information which might lead to discovery of the place in which girl was being held.

Lived on Mayo's Island.

Information was received yesterday afternoon which convinced those engaged in the search that Florence was an inmate of the home on Mayo's Island.

Island. There, it is said, Florence was employed in a shoe factory for her care. On Wednesday Florence's work in a shoe factory, where Miller, fifteen years years old, daughter of the woman living in the tenement, was employed, was terminated. She is thirteen years old, a second works in a tobacco factory.

Florence Silverman disappeared from home on Wednesday, April 10, although her mother had been centred in to her nothing was definitely known yesterday. Mrs. Silverman, 40, lives in the tenement at the corner of the neighborhood, with whom the alleged runaway associated.

Several months ago Florence Silverman was reported to have been Buchanan. On another occasion, she was sent out to buy medicine for the mother, she did not return and was not located for several days. She was then the child was taken one morning and begged on the streets that she be forgiven. She was two weeks before the recent appearance, which may result in her being located.

of national developments it arrests, predicted, are made Nat Silver ten years old, told the mother days ago that he had been told storekeeper that his sister was held in the island home; but the v was unwilling to pay any att

to his statements.

May Be Helms' Crime.

If the statements of the author interested in the case may be as evidence that a crime has been committed, Florence Silverman, in the she has been away from her fireside, has lived under conditions most indescribable. She was told yesterday, according to Minnie

that she would be turned into a street at nightfall. Another fact, that since she left home ten days ago, the girl, scarcely more than a child, has spent three nights at the doors.

Florence said, after she was told by Dr. Buchanan, that she slept nights on the stairs in the rear of her mother's home, and that she did not enter the house for fear that

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Silverman declares that she has
struck the child, and has, since
her husband, Samuel J. Silverman,
died, been down in the Slocum disaster in
New York harbor, labored with migraines,
and has been unable to main-
tain to provide and care for her
children.

Mrs. Silverman, who formerly
managed the Arlington Hotel, now
lives in a boarding house, although

work of caring for the inmates by a housekeeper, who is nursing the ill woman, as well as caretaker of the children. Nat Silverman, who was sleeping peacefully last night, his girl's mother was formerly Miss Belle Wynne, of Lunenburg and in every room of the house there are photographs and articles of furniture which indicate

Cared for Her Children.
"I have but a few short days," said Mrs. Silverman, "but in my breath I will undertake to show the world that I have devoted my best work to caring for my poor children. That Florence should leave me while I was in my last breath is enough in itself to kill me. Only now, I know the strain I have

When she had finished the
of her story of poverty, and
phasized the alleged crime com-
by the man who took her du-
woman threw her head on the
that she was

and wept bitterly. She was
by a severe coughing spell,
which she murmured: "You
my condition. I am not long
world. To think poor Florence

At the Miller home, where 12 young girls sat around a table, their aged grandfather, the scene was pathetic. Mrs. Miller insists it had nothing to do with the girls' coming to her home, and says she tried to protect her. Mrs. Miller